Dear Jim, 2/7/75

Sorry I didn't have time to read and correct the longer than we expected affidavit draft. However, ot have completed this would have delayed getting the ideas to you ar that I get much less than the four hours sleep that sufficed last night.

Now because of other matters I may not be able to read and edit over the weekend. However, I have a carbon for this purpose and if I can I will.

I heard that Colson was to be on Today. He was but the skunks held it for the second half. I've taped it and I think you may want to hear or dub it. Lil, who is already working very long hours, is far behind and has lost her main help to an unexpected death, said it would be o.k. to stay through it, so we didn't get to leave until almost 9. Then I had to be the shopper. With some food sales I went to two stores and have two more to go to tonight when I gox for Lil. By planning I can shop with virtually no extra driving. But this evening shopping will cut the day even shorter.

When I finally got home I had to put the stuff away, some in the freezer, then bring in all the wood for which I have containers (if when you shop you see empty and available bushel baskets, please try to get them for I use them year round) in the event of more snow and by this time it was almost noon. Today's mail is heavy, not counting magazines and junk and your mailing, 25 pieces! So, as soon as I do the memo I want to do on Colson's appearance I must get to that.

Tomorrow the file cabinets on which I splurged are due to arrive. I've emptied the supboard in my office, which will give space for two four-drawer ones to replace the 2 and the 3 now under it and must take the cupboard apart, not easy when the valance shielding the fluorescent light is attached to it. If I can get this done perhaps I can get the delivery men to put them in place, which will be a lot easier than my doing all the maneuvering necessary. And tomorrow also if the weather permits I must get more firewood in. Except for those pieces I save because they'll last the night through I have a reserve now of less than a day's. And here there is no furnace going when Lil is not home. I've plenty of old clothes and I just add layers of them!

But if I don't get to go over the draft by the end of the weekend I won't forget it and I will try my best to get to it. I forgot something in the Curry part. But the whole thing was off the top of the head. No time to outline.

Alas, everything has to be!

I decided to write Susman without really thinking it through, in part because it had been my intention all along, in part because I do do that with half of one ear on the TV news, and in part for the one mention of the Nader attitude toward me, of which I wrote you recently and which we discussed last night. I also felt that it would be better to let him know that I am making a frontal assault, unless you rein me in. I do think we really should put the chip on the shoulder and dare the finks. More, I think you should conisder a press conference the day of filing. Especially if there can be some support for the space or someone will let us have it. I don't think any of the established organizations will.

Also, I think I should write Abzug immediately now that she is chariperson of the right subcommittee. (If you go there and her staff hasn t changed, do not be deceived by the pleasant female faces. There is arrogance that in my experience says women are no different. I think the block is Esther Newman. She is as omniscient as any man I've met.)

The Nader people could have assumed that I would refile. Or, Tom could have told them. They then could have reflected their opinion or his. No matter. If he is the one I've encapsulated for him the reasons. If he is not, then he'll know for what it may mean.

On a less controversial note, I've gotten the National Star to pay for what they bought and didn't use. Check in hand today! We'll be making a bank payment again as soon as Lil can find time, you lucky fellow! And I have a check from The Nation. Boy is this fast! Someone up there knows! It can t hurt us and maybe the attention will help.

Hastily,